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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire  
Chief Clerk & Administrator  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Petition of BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T South Carolina to Withdraw Funds from the State USF to Support Stand-Alone Basic Residential Lines Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-576  
**Docket No. 2011-406-C**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

On September 29, 2011, BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T South Carolina petitioned the Commission to withdraw funds from the State USF to support its remaining stand-alone basic residential lines pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576(C)(9)(c). ORS has reviewed this petition and the verified testimony of AT&T witness Mr. Kenneth Minzenberger. In addition, ORS has verified that as of July 1, 2011, AT&T was providing stand-alone basic residential service to 22,907 customers.

As the State USF Administrator, ORS does not oppose AT&T's request to withdraw State USF funds for the remaining 22,907 stand-alone basic residential customers. AT&T represents that it will use wire-center-specific "Phase 1 Support for Residential Line" amounts provided to ORS on July 1, 2011 in calculating the support it seeks pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576(C)(9)(c). This process identified by AT&T to annually reduce future State USF withdrawals is consistent with rules established for carriers electing regulation under S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576(C).

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If there is no intervention and/or opposition by the return date, November 7, 2011, ORS requests the Commission approve the petition of AT&T during the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting as ORS is in the process of re-sizing the State USF.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Best Regards,

Nanette S. Edwards

cc: Patrick Turner, Esquire